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Great Lakes Pilotage Rates 2014 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Published

The Coast Guard today announced *Federal Register* publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend the 2013 Great Lakes pilotage rates starting August 1, 2014, in accordance with statutes and regulations relating to the annual review of rates.

The Coast Guard proposes rate adjustments for pilotage services on the Great Lakes, which were last amended in February 2013. The proposed adjustments would establish new base rates and are made in accordance with a full ratemaking procedure. The proposed update reflects the Coast Guard exercising the discretion provided by Step 7 of the Appendix A methodology. The result is an upward adjustment to match the rate increase of the Canadian Great Lakes Pilotage Authority. The Coast Guard also proposes adjusting weighting factors used to determine rates for vessels of different size, providing a procedure for temporary surcharges, and including dues paid to the American Pilots Association. This notice of proposed rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's strategic goal of maritime safety.

The notice of proposed rulemaking and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2013-0534.

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